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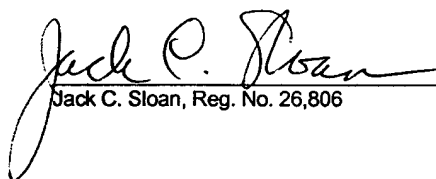
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is a first response to the Office Action on the Merits dated June 6, 2002. Claims 1-28 and 30-35 are rejected; claim 29 is objected to.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, delete lines 3-8 and insert therefor:

-- This patent application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/506,507 filed February 17, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,357,054), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/226,311 filed January 7, 1999 (now U.S.